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Ms. Marlene Dortch Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Counterproposal for:

Oakwood, Texas (MB Docket No. 06-43)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is an original and four (4) copies each of my counterproposal for Oakwood, Texas, MB Docket No. 06-43.

Respectfully submitted,

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Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of 73.202(b))	MB Docket No. 06-43
Table of Allotments)	RM-11313
FM Broadcast Stations)	
(Oakwood, TX))	

To:

Attn:

Office of the Secretary

Assistant Chief, Audio Division,

Media Bureau

COUNTERPROPOSAL

Linda Crawford hereby submits this counterproposal to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA 06-384 (rel. February 24, 2006) in the above-captioned proceeding. Counter proponent proposes to allot first services to Bedias, Texas and Oakwood, Texas in lieu of a potentially first service only to Oakwood, Texas as proposed by the original NPRM in this proceeding. The counter proponent proposal to allot Channel 299C3 to Bedias also conflicts with the petition to add channel 299A to Normangee, Texas, which was released as an NPRM on 3/31/06 as MB Docket No. 06-66. It is requested that MB Docket No. 06-66, the petition to allot channel 299A to Normangee, Texas, be incorporated into the above captioned proceeding.

DISCUSSION

In order to allot a first service to Bedias and to Oakwood, the reference coordinates for Channel 300A at Oakwood, as proposed in the original NPRM in this proceeding, will need to be relocated approximately .83 kilometers north.

The proposed changes are:

	<u>Current</u>	Proposed
Bedias, Texas		299C3
Oakwood, Texas		300A (relocated)

Bedias, Texas 299C3. 1st Service

Counter proponent respectfully submits that the public interest would be served by allocating Channel 299C3 to Bedias, Texas as that community's first local service.

Bedias, Texas is a community of 301 people according to the 2004-2005 Texas Almanac. Bedias has its own city offices, mayor, Mackie Bobo, city council, volunteer fire department, post office and zip code, 77831. In the 2000 Census, Bedias was recognized as a geographic area labeled "Bedias, Grimes County Texas 77831". The civic focal point for the community is the Bedias Civic Center. Bedias civic organizations such as, Bedias Civic Club, which sponsors the annual Christmas Parade, hold meetings and events at the center. 39 businesses in Bedias have been given a

credit rating by Dun & Bradstreet as of November 2002.1

Voters in Bedias will decide on November 4, 2006, if the community will become an incorporated city. The Bedias Development Committee as collected the required signatures from the communities residents to get the issue on the November ballot.

Bedias is a community that is certainly deserving of a local service. "Local radio stations play an important role in their communities, providing local news, information and entertainment to residents, and generally serving as good corporate citizens in the local community life. This is particularly true in smaller towns, where the radio stations are limited in number. Yet there are still rural areas of our country that do not have even a local radio station." The proposed channel 299C3 will provide additional diversity and an outlet for local self-expression to Bedias residents and therefore is in the public interest.

Attached hereto is a channel study confirming that Channel 299C3 can be allocated to Bedias, Texas, consistent with the FCC's FM separation rules, provided the reference coordinates for the proposed Channel 300A at

^{1 2004-2005} Texas Almanac

² Statement of Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, MM & O Docket No. 99-240, released May 20, 2004.

Oakwood, Texas are relocated approximately .83 kilometers north. See revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1992). (See, Attachment A)

Note: The petition to add Channel 293C3 at Bedias, Texas was dismissed per Report & Order, DA 04-1292, released May 21, 2004. A Petition for Reconsideration was filed on June 7, 2004 and is still pending. However, this is an effective but not yet final dismissal. (See, Attachment B) Reference coordinates for Channel 299C3 at Bedias, Texas are:

30 53 15 N 96 04 45 W

Oakwood, Texas 300A, 1st service

In order for Channel 299C3 to be allotted at Bedias, Texas, the reference coordinates for the proposed Channel 300A at Oakwood, Texas, must be moved approximately .83 kilometers north. As was stated in the original petition for Oakwood, it is an incorporated community with a 2000 U.S. Census population of 471 persons and therefore is a community for allotment purposes.

Attached hereto is a channel study confirming that the reference coordinates for the proposed channel 300A at Oakwood, Texas, can be moved approximately .83 kilometers north and is consistent with the FCC's FM separation rules.

See revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1992). (See, Attachment C)

Reference coordinates for channel 300A at Oakwood, Texas are:

31 40 48 N 95 57 42 W

Should this counterproposal be granted and channels 299C3 at Bedias and 300A at Oakwood are allotted to those communities, counter proponent will apply for 299C3 at Bedias and Channel 300A at Oakwood, Texas, and after they are authorized, will promptly construct the new facilities.

The factual information provided in this counterproposal is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted;

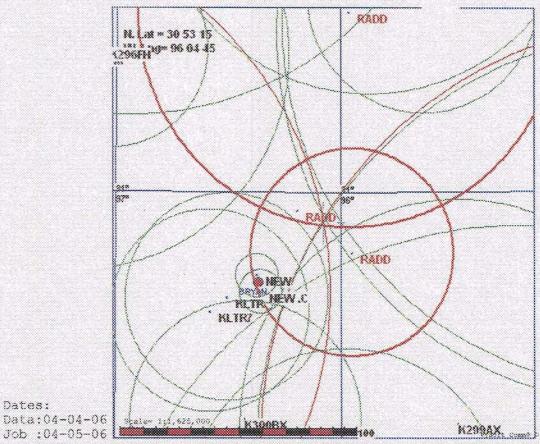
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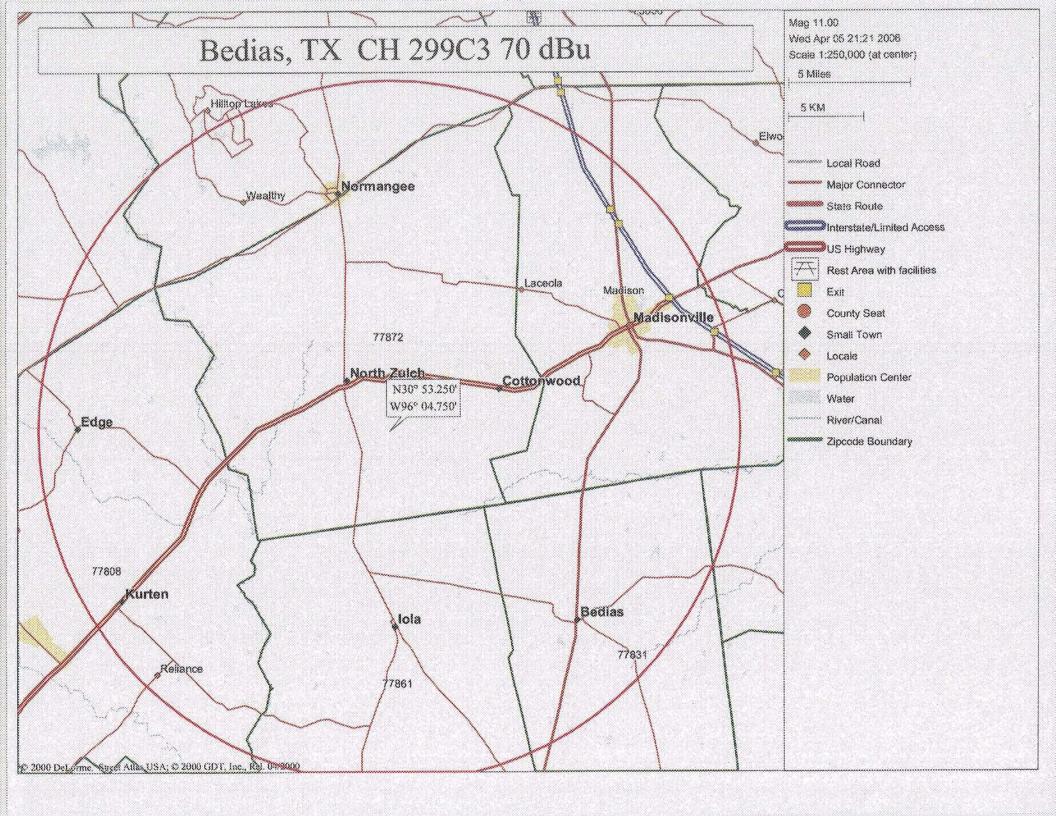
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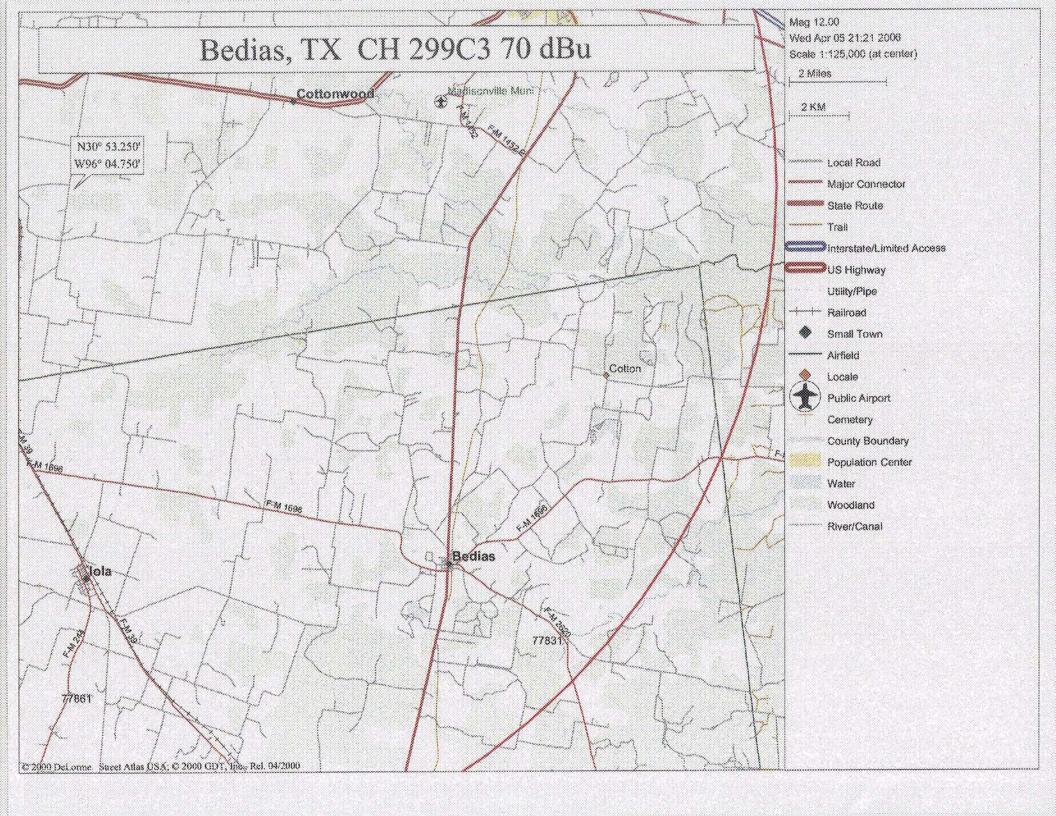
Attachment A (Channel Study for Channel 299C3/ Normangee, Texas)



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RADD	299A	ADD	Normangee	TX	11.89	295.4	142.0	-130.11
RADD	297C3	ADD	Bedias	TX	17.57	135.0	43.0	-25.43
RADD	300A	ADD	Oakwood	TX	87.74	7.3	89.0	-1.26
KQQK	300C	LIC-Z	Beaumont	TX	175.52	121.6	176.0	-0.48
KINV	299C3	LIC N	Georgetown	ΥΥ	152.53	259.3	153.0	-0.47
KQQK.C	300C	CP N	Beaumont	TX	176.03	123.0	176.0	0.03
KTBQ	299C3	LIC N	Nacogdoches	TX	154.61	59.7	153.0	1.61
AL299	299C3	RSV	Nacogdoches	TX	159.63	58.2	153.0	6.63
KLTR	297C3	RSV	Caldwell	TX	51.14	232.9	43.0	8.14
K299AX	299D	CP -D	Woodlands	TX	101.38	145.3	93.0	8.38
AL297	297A	RSV	Caldwell	TX	60.29	232.8	42.0	18.29
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KLDE	298C	LIC	Lake Jackson	TX	195.25	155.2	176.0	19.25
NEW	246L1	CP	Bryan	TX	35.57	232.3	9.0	26.57
NEW .C	245L1	CP	College Station	TX	38.93	223.2	9.0	29.93
KHCKFM	300A	LIC	Robinson	TX	124.53	304.0	89.0	35.53
K300BX	300D	CP	Brenham	TX	87.75	202.2	49.0	38.75
KQLC-L	300L1	LIC	Brookshire	TX	119.66	175.5	67.0	52.66
KQLC-L	300L1	CP	Brookshire	TX	119.66	175.5	67.0	52.66
K300BI	300D	CP	Palestine	TX	103.47	24.2	49.0	54.47
K299AS	299D	CP	Athens	TX	147.57	7.6	93.0	54.57
KOAI	298C1	LIC	Fort Worth	TX	205.91	336.3	144.0	61.91
K296FH	296D	CP	Waco	TX	115.09	308.8	41.0	74.09





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(Milano, Texas)	Ś	

REPORT AND ORDER (Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: May 19, 2004

Released: May 21, 2004

By the Assistant Chief, Audio Division:

- 1. At the request of David P. Garland ("Petitioner"), the Audio Division has before it a Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposing the allotment Channel 274A at Milano, Texas, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Petitioner filed comments in support of the proposal reaffirming his intention to apply for the channel, if allotted. Comments and a counterproposal were filed by Roy E. Henderson ("Henderson"), licensee of Station KLTR(FM), proposing the upgrade of Channel 297A to 297C3, and the reallotment of Channel 297C3 from Caldwell to Bedias, Texas. To accommodate the upgrade and reallotment, Henderson also proposed (a) the allotment of Channel 274A at Caldwell, Texas, as a replacement service; and (b) the modification of the reference coordinates for vacant Channel 274A at Centerville, Texas.² Maurice Salsa filed opposing comments to the counterproposal. Petitioner and Henderson filed a "Joint Motion for Dismissal of the Garland Petition RM-10489, Adoption of Henderson Counterproposal and Approval of Settlement Agreement."
- 2. In support of his counterproposal, Henderson stated that Bedias is a Census Designated Place with its own post office, zip code (77831), and has a 2000 population of 500 persons (2001 Rand McNally Road Atlas). The town is located in the northeast part of Grimes County, Texas. Bedias is a separately listed community in the local telephone directory and presently lists 15 local businesses and a total of 30 businesses showing a web site in Bedias, with its local affairs and interests governed by a committee of the Bedias Civic Association. There is also a State Bank of Bedias, civic center, a volunteer fire department, along with six churches. Henderson asserts that Bedias is a long-established town and qualifies as a community deserving of a new local radio service. Henderson affirms his intention to apply for Channel 297C3, if reallotted to Bedias, Texas.

¹ Milano, Texas, 17 FCC Rcd 12824 (2002).

² The counterproposal was technically defective and not placed on Public Notice.

- 3. The parties submitted for approval a Settlement Agreement whereby petitioner agreed to dismiss his Milano proposal in payment of out-of-pocket expenses expended in the preparation, application, and prosecution of its petition for rule making. The parties also submitted an itemization of said expenses.³
- As an initial matter, we address the reallotment of Channel 297C3 from Caldwell to Bedias which requires, inter alia, the allotment of Channel 274A at Caldwell as a replacement service. Henderson stated that using the FCC F(50,50) curve, the 70 dBu contour at maximum facility will serve more than 90% of Caldwell, Texas. He also noted that the terrain roughness (Delta H) of the path from the community to the transmitter site is 15, and that the Longley-Rice analysis shows that the 70 dBu predicted contour travels more than 10% further than the FCC F(50,50) curves on a azimuth toward Caldwell. Engineering studies premised on Alternate Propagation Method(s) such as Longley-Rice are sometimes submitted as a showing to supplement the required analysis based on the Commission's propagation model, "in cases where the terrain. . .departs widely" from the average terrain and the "contour distances are different from what may be expected in practice." See Section 73.313(e). Here, Henderson fails to demonstrate that the terrain around the proposed site for Channel 274A at Caldwell departs widely (in excess of 50 meters Delta H) from the average terrain, other than stating that the Delta H of the path to the transmitter is 15. The F(50.50) curves in Section 73,333 of the Commission's Rules are based on terrain variations up to 50 meters Delta H. Henderson made no showing that it was appropriate to utilize a different propagation methodology. He did not show that the predicted distances to the 70 dBu contour were in question using the F(50.50) curves due to terrain around the proposed site departing widely from the average rolling terrain assumed for those curves.
- 5. Moreover, the Commission normally does not evaluate specific terrain data in allotment proceedings. Instead, the Commission generally assumes that a station's city grade coverage contour is a circle with a defined radius from a hypothetical transmitter site. Thus, compliance with our city grade coverage requirement is determined by a simple distance calculation. If the far boundary of a community is farther than the length of the circle's radius from the closest hypothetical transmitter site, we will not make the allotment. At the allotment stage, we generally cannot determine what specific transmitter sites will ultimately be applied for, nor whether the petitioner will be the successful applicant. Although the Commission in Woodstock and Broadway accepted an alternative methodology for determining signal propagation for upgrades, and more recently for change of community cases, the decision was predicated on the fact that there was an "existing authorization." For this reason, we do not apply this policy to new allotments. When making these exceptions, petitioners have taken the affirmative steps of securing assurances from the proposed site's owner, and have obtained FAA approval for a tower at the proposed site. Petitioners have also submitted substantial evidence that, using our standard prediction method, but relaxing the normal assumption of uniform terrain, its proposed facilities will comply with our principal city coverage requirements. Even if this policy did apply to new allotments, Henderson has failed to show that no alternative transmitter sites are possible, and has not requested a waiver of the city grade coverage requirements. Further, our engineering analysis has determined that there are no terrain variations that would preclude using FCC's standard methodology. Therefore, the allotment of Channel 274A at the site

³ In compliance with Section 1.420(j) of the Commission's Rules, Henderson submitted a declaration stating that Petitioner was not paid any consideration of any kind in excess of legitimate and prudent expenses incurred.

⁴ See Woodstock and Broadway, Virginia, 3 FCC Red 6398 (1988).

specified is not consistent with Section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules. Since counterproposals must be "technically correct and substantially complete" at the time they are filed, we are dismissing the counterproposal for being technically defective. ⁵

- 6. IT IS ORDERED, That the petition for rule making filed by David P. Garland, IS DISMISSED, as requested.
- 7. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the counterproposal filed by Roy E. Henderson, IS DISMISSED.
- 8. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary shall send a copy of this Report and Order by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the following:

Roy E. Henderson 1110 West William Cannon Drive, Suite 402 Austin, Texas 78745-5460 (Licensee of Station KLTR(FM))

- 9. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.
- 10. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Sharon P. McDonald, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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John A. Karousos Assistant Chief, Audio Division Media Bureau

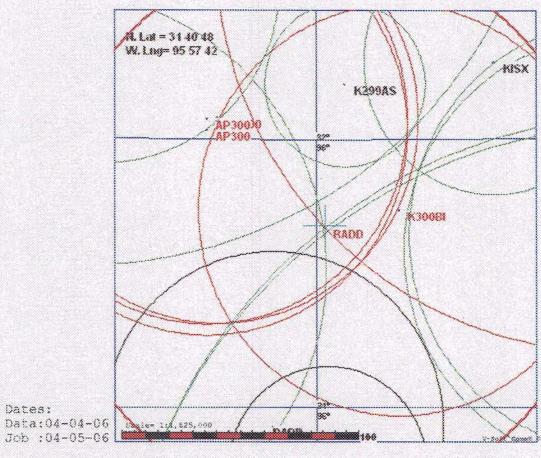
⁵See, e.g., Fort Bragg, California, 6 FCC Rcd 5817 (1991); Provincetown, et al., Massachusetts, 8 FCC Rcd 19 (1992); and Sanford and Robbins, North Carolina, 12 FCC Rcd 1 (1997).

Attachment C

(Channel Study for the new reference coordinates for Channel 300A/ Oakwood, Texas)

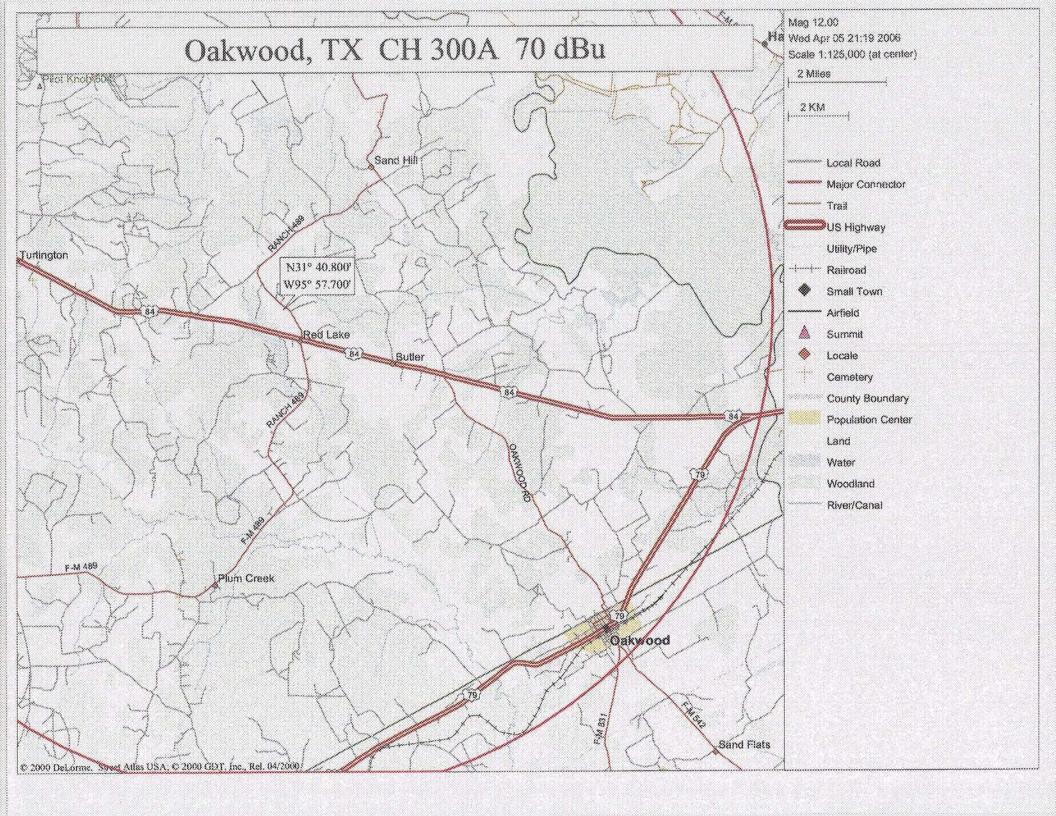
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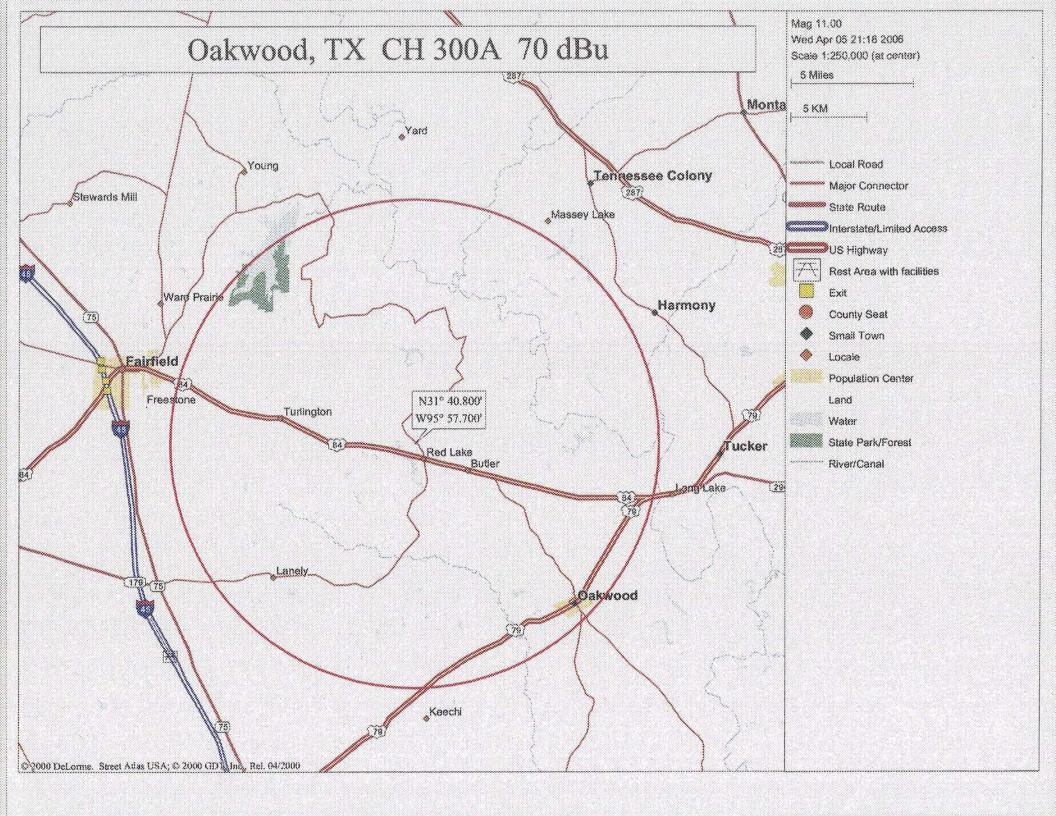
(Report & Order, DA 04-1282, released May 21, 2004, dismissing the proposed Channel 293C3 at Bedias, Texas)



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KISX	297C2	LIC	Whitehouse	TX	98.74	46.5	55.0	43.74
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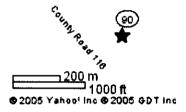
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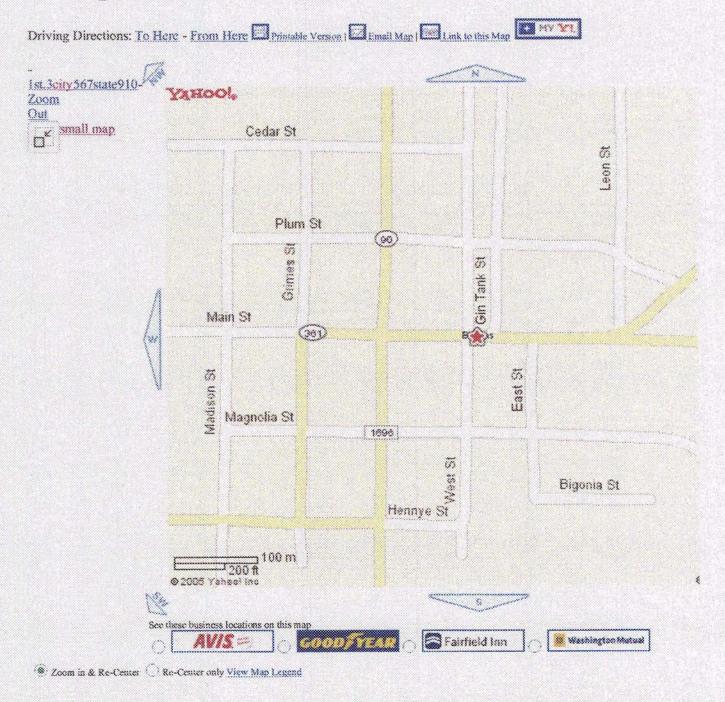


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